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ADVISORY ACTION

☒ THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE:

- a) ☒ is extended to run _____ or continues to run 3 months from the date of the final rejection
- b) ☐ expires three months from the date of the final rejection or as of the mailing date of this Advisory Action, whichever is later. In no event however, will the statutory period for the response expire later than six months from the date of the final rejection.

Any extension of time must be obtained by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), the proposed response and the appropriate fee. The date on which the response, the petition, and the fee have been filed is the date of the response and also the date for the purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. Any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 will be calculated from the date of the originally set shortened statutory period for response or as set forth in b) above.

☐ Appellant's Brief is due in accordance with 37 CFR 1.192(a).

☒ Applicant's response to the final rejection, filed 10/2/03 has been considered with the following effect, but it is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance:

1. ☒ The proposed amendments to the claim and/or specification will not be entered and the final rejection stands because:

- a) ☒ There is no convincing showing under 37 CFR 1.116(b) why the proposed amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented.
- b) ☒ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See Note).
- c) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter. (See Note).
- d) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal.
- e) ☐ They present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: AS now written, it is unclear what limitation is intended, not ended - end capping would constitute a terminal position - if not partial end capping is NOT then clear; it's #2 problem

2. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claims _____ would be allowed if submitted in a separately filed amendment cancelling the non-allowable claims.

3. ☒ Upon the filing an appeal, the proposed amendment ☐ will be entered, ☒ will not be entered and the status of the claims will be as follows:

Claims allowed: _____

Claims objected to: _____

Claims rejected: 1, 17, 18, 41-48

However;

☐ Applicant's response has overcome the following rejection(s): _____

4. ☒ The affidavit, exhibit or request for reconsideration has been considered but does not overcome the rejection because the rejection is maintained, no capability would be open in the prior art reference, and at least one end capped molecule should in any event

5. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will not be considered because applicant has not shown good and sufficient reasons why it was not earlier presented.

be present in the prior art of record. The species of Microbe was not

☐ The proposed drawing correction ☐ has ☐ has not been approved by the examiner.

☐ Other in claims cited by applicant (1, 17, 18) so, claim 48 remains unexamined

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